

all these differences in our creation, and education. It is charity that "Suffereth all things".

Standing for a foundation on this law we can make our coming together at Ashland a success. But if the Conference should undertake to make us all see alike, it would be going back to the old Church. It would show bad theology; for that was just the reason we left them; namely: intolerance.

A very determined old brother told the writer once, "See here is just the answer; this big pile of stones of all shapes and sizes go into this wall, and if one will not fit the mason will pound it until it will fit." That was also the old way. We sometimes hear it said that we have too many masons in our Church; well, there are one kind of masons that the writer don't want any more of: that is those that build walls out of members. That stone that was made without hands will get a terrible pounding by these "Masons."

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#### PEN WAVELETS.

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In referring to the German Baptist brethren never say Old Church because she has departed and is the New Church. In reference to the Brethren church do not say new organization or new church because according to the reaffirmation as set forth in Declaration of Principles she is the old faithful and true church (GOSPEL ALONE) that our fore-fathers before innovations and traditions introduced. Brethren consistency is a jewel.

If by faith and prayer persons are healed through a Divine interposition of God now as in the ages prior to the closing up of the age of the APOSTLES, I wonder why we have not a few demonstrations on record since that age of restoring to life the dead, of the gift of divers tongues, giving sight to those who are born blind and the dumb to speak. Where are those people through whom God by Divine interposition or miraculously brings about such a result instantaneously? Who will answer?

Paul does not say, 1 Cor. xi, 23, the night of the 14th of Abid (April) but in the night he was, betrayed that hav-

ing been on the 14th does not prove that the 14th should be an anniversary day upon which the means of grace should be attended to as instituted by Christ. He did institute them as near the close of his life as he possibly could so that the Jews could not bring a charge against him as a transgressor of the law, and according to the type under the law he must be sacrificed before the eating of the Passover or Pascha and must suffer during the time of the slaying of the lambs of which he was the Great Antitype or Passover sacrificed for us. The Apostle Paul says, "As often as ye eat this bread and drink this cup ye do show forth the Lord's death till he come," clearly signifying that it may occur frequently and at any suitable time and place. As well say it must be in Jerusalem and in an upper room, and there must be only twelve persons present. Brethren let us be careful so we do not "strain at a gnat and swallow a camel." It would be impossible to hold the services at the same time all over the world. No greater blessings could be realized if it were possible, for God is omnipresent and can bless his people as fully and perfectly at one time and place as at another and his blessings are ready at all times and everywhere if the children of our kind Father are ready to receive them. Inasmuch as there is a supper the evening or night is the only proper time, so we try to keep the feast.

If I lived under the first covenant or testament, I would keep the conditions of that testament, hence would observe the seventh day, keep the Passover, would sacrifice lambs on the seventh day, make no fire, put the loaves into the holy place and do according to the Sabbath law. But inasmuch as I was born in the present age and generation under the New Testament, I accept only the conditions of the new. "Do not put new patches on old garments neither put new wine into old bottles." The new wine Christ made was better than the old. The resurrection (or Lord's day) was given in type under the first covenant and was the 16th day of the month and in the Anti-type Christ was resurrected on the 16th. Thus Type and Anti-type agree and in order that Christ be resurrected the

third day according to the scriptures, he must suffer on the 14th; hence must of necessity institute the ordinances to be kept at the time he did so as to fulfill the law and become the end of the law to those that believe the Gospel, "The Gospel of Christ is the power of God unto salvation" says the holy Apostle, "to them that believe." But Sabbaterians deny and say the law, the law. "Let God be true and every man a liar" is Bible teaching. They have their hobby; but as our dear Bro. Geo. Copp puts it, they are "lopsided" and need a counter balance. Always for truth.

#### FORGIBLE RELIGION AND SMALL TALK.

BY GEORGE A. COPP.

There are many kinds of religion from the highest type of the chiefest of the divinity to the lowest of the heathen African. Different means are employed to produce the desired result by each sect or individual. The means used are deceit, persuasion and force. Persuasion is the means employed by the Christian professor.

Force is used by both heathen and pretending Christians. Deceit by the ungodly alone.

What is the center of the Christian religion?—Christ. Take out Christ and it all falls to pieces. No other form of religion has any saving power in it. Then Christ is the Saviour of the world, and as such, what means does he employ to draw men to him?

Love is the first. Examples, preaching and persuasion next, but no where do we find him using force, except in driving out those who desecrated his holy temple.

Man often assume more authority than God himself. Men have opinions and they express them, and define certain scriptures which the word of God is not expressed upon. They endeavor too, to force the world to accept them as the only true rendering.

Coercion as applied to the believer is no where found in the New Testament scriptures.

I like the editor's remarks in the EVANGELIST in reply to Elder Andes as to the responsibility before God. We will all have to appear before God as individuals and not as collective bodies.